

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

TO: Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: DCYF Rules Effective October 20, 2011

The following new, amended and repealed DCYF rules are effective October 20, 2011. These rules comply with good juvenile justice and child welfare practice and are consistent with the federal court order relating to RI Training School residents and the accreditation standards of the American Correctional Association for Juvenile Training Schools and Juvenile Detention Facilities. These rules were advertised for promulgation in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Title 42, Chapter 35 of the Rhode Island General Laws). These rules are accessible through the Secretary of State's Rules and Regulations Search Interface (<http://www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/>) and, for a limited time, on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>). These rules are also available in hard copy on request (401-528-3685).

NEW

Computer Use: This adopted rule clarifies acceptable use of Department issued hardware and software.

Foster Care and Adoption Regulations for Licensure: This adopted rule provides a comprehensive set of standards for the licensing of kinship and generic foster and pre-adoptive families.

Rhode Island Children's Information System (RICHIST): This adopted rule clarifies acceptable use of the Department's management information system.

AMENDED

Clearance of Agency Activity: This amended rule implements the charges for clearances as promulgated in the recently enacted Rhode Island State Budget, and outlines procedures for making such payments.

Confidentiality: Access to Computerized Information Maintained by the Department: This amended rule clarifies acceptable use of Department issued hardware and software with respect to confidentiality and access to computerized information by department staff.

Major Discipline Review: This amended rule clarifies the responsibilities of the Major Discipline Reviewer with respect to RI Training School residents.

Residential Regulations for Licensure: This rule has been amended to include provisions from the repealed rule Vendor Guidelines for Establishing New Residential Programs and provides a comprehensive set of regulations for the licensing of residential child care facilities.

REPEALED

Foster Care Regulations 1998: This rule is repealed in its entirety as it is addressed in the proposed Foster Care and Adoption Regulations for Licensure.

Dual Foster Care License/Relative Certification and Family Day Care Certification Guidelines for Issuance: This rule is repealed in its entirety because it is addressed in the proposed Foster Care and Adoption Regulations for Licensure regulations.

Utilization of Psychotropic Medication in Emergency Situations: The provisions of this repealed rule have been incorporated into the Residential Child Care Regulations for Licensure.

Vendor Guidelines for Establishing New Residential Programs: The provisions of this repealed rule have been incorporated into the Residential Child Care Regulations for Licensure.

Please contact Susan M. Bowler, Ph.D., Acting Implementation Director for Policy and Programs, by phone (401-528-3685) or e-mail (susan.bowler@dcyf.ri.gov) if you have questions or concerns relating to these policies.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.